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MEMORANDUM FOR

→ THE SECRETARY OF STATE

THE ADMINISTRATOR, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS  
AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

SUBJECT: Post-Apollo Relationships with the Europeans

The President has carefully studied the rationale and recommendations of your memoranda of April 29, 1972 and May 5, 1972 respectively, and has decided:

1. That we actively encourage European development of research application modules, as well as participation in payload development and shuttle utilization, both manned and unmanned.
2. That we discourage but not preclude European participation in the tasks in the development of the Shuttle already identified by NASA, conditioned on a prior commitment by the European Space Conference (ESC) that it will undertake the subsequent development of one or more research application modules. In informing the Europeans of this position, the U. S. delegation should do so with the understanding that these tasks will be conducted without exchange of funds, and any cost growth, whether due to overruns or changes of scope, will be assumed by the ESC, in order to avoid acrimonious disputes over cost allocations.
3. That the Tug should be U. S. -built.
4. That future joint programs should stress joint payload and utilization activities and that joint development and production in the non-payload area not be undertaken.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

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